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This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

Directions and **map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.

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Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

KEEP HYDRATED Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

FOOTWEAR Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

NEVER HIKE ALONE The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

POISON OAK Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

TICKS Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

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26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
Hours: 9am to 5pm
(closed some holidays)
805-370-2301

Online

www.nps.gov/samo
  /santamonicamtms

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Susan Schalte

Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest 2013 Winner,
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Downward Cat by Kathy Allison
Spirit of the Mountains
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Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains

Environmental Educator Training

Like working with students (grades K–12)?

Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?

Want to be part of a local community that helps the environment? Then contact us!

rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
 818-597-8627 x103

TUE 4/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Tue Hikers / Hondo Canyon

Backbone Trail Short shuttle to top of mountain for this moderately easy-paced 5-mile hike. Meet at trailhead, located on Old Topanga Canyon Rd (0.4-mile west of intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd). Limited roadside parking so please rideshare. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

SAT 4/5 8am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

The Great Spring Migration

Each spring and fall millions of birds representing over 350 species migrate along the Pacific Flyway. Join us for a leisurely one-mile walk as we see how many we can identify. Bring binoculars and bird list. Beginning birders encouraged to attend. 2hrs NPS

SAT 4/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/5 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/5 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtbt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 4/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead

First Saturday Walk Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 4/5 10am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Franklin's Movie Magic The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s and still is to this day. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/5 10:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Big Cats of the Mountains Learn about these elusive mountain lions on this 1-mile hike. See how our researchers track these cats and hear the stories of birth, life, and death of the animals. Meet at the fountain. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 4/5 2pm

King Gillette Ranch

Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Enjoy an easy walk while we help you with this enjoyable art. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/6 8am

Topanga State Park

Bird Walk A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 4/6 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
What's Blooming Join a ranger to identify early blooming plants. We may see wildflower species that haven't been seen in decades as a result of last year's Springs Fire. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 4/6 9am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Nature Trek Join us on a moderately-difficult and invigorating hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/6 10am

Topanga State Park

Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/6 10am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Kids' Hands in Nature Ages 3-8 (children must be accompanied by an adult), join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/6 2pm

Franklin Canyon -

Franklin Canyon Ranch

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TUE 4/8 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Reagan Ranch

Tue Hikers/Century Lake and Rock Pool Join a moderately easy-paced 4-mile, 600' gain hike including Lookout Trail. See where many movies were shot. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

FRI 4/11 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit

Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing non-native, invasive crayfish from spawning pools. Wear sturdy footwear. Registration required: 818-591-1701 x202 or www.mountainstrust.eventbrite.com. 2hrs MRT

FRI 4/11 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds and learn about the history of the site. Meet inside visitor center. 1hr NPS

SAT 4/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry at 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/12 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/12 9am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Sycamore/Serrano Canyons Join a moderately-paced 15-mile, 2500' gain loop to Serrano Canyon. Bring food, water, hat, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Info: 818-708-8535. 7hrs SC



Ranching & Riding in the Santa Monica Mountains

April 12, 2014, Saturday 12pm - 4pm

Santa Monica Mountains Visitor Center

Learn about the ranching histories of King Gillette Ranch and Malibu Creek State Park. View restored carriages from the 1800's. Meet the horses and patrol team. Rain reschedules. Meet inside visitor center.

Sponsored by Western National Parks Association and Equestrian Trails Inc, Corral #36

INFORMATION: 805-370-2302 or samo@wnpa.org

SAT 4/12 9:30am

Circle X Ranch
Paint-Out Site is tucked in the canyons and nestled below Boney Mountain. Paint the beauty of meadows and rock formations. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 4/12 10am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Celebrating Migration Join rangers to explore the beach, tide-pools and look for gray whales, seals and dolphins. Bring binoculars. Meet at visitor center. \$12 parking fee. Info: 310-457-8185. 2hrs CSP/NPS

SAT 4/12 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how the Chumash have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 4/12 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Almost Full Moon Hike Explore nature by the light of a nearly full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/13 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a habitat restoration site to care for native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 4/13 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Stay a Little Longer Join a docent for a moderate, mostly downhill hike exploring the Backbone Trail west of Corral Canyon to Malibu Lake Dam. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. For reservations, contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm, 4/10 and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

SUN 4/13 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/13 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Gardening with Nature Join volunteer Kathie on a tour of the Visitor Center's native plant garden. Recognize what plants need and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. 1.5hrs NPS

31st Annual Great Rendezvous Hikes

Sunday, April 13 - Topanga State Park

Celebrate John Muir's Birthday. Hikes will converge at Trippet Ranch for a 12pm to 1pm party to decorate and eat the famous *John Muir Birthday Cake*. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Sierra Club **Info: 310-559-3126**

8:15am Hondo Canyon

8-mile, 1800' gain
 Hike up to old cabin site. Car shuttle. Meet at Dead Horse fee parking lot on Entrada Rd. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

9am Garapito Canyon

12-mile, 1500' gain
 Meet at the south end of Reseda Blvd (top of hill at round-about; fee park). Info: 818-708-9535. 5hrs



10am Santa Ynez Canyon

8-mile, 900' gain
 Meet at trailhead (from PCH, east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Drive, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Info: 310-838-4842. 4hrs

10am Dead Horse Trailhead

4-mile, 300' gain family walk
 Meet at Dead Horse fee parking lot (PCH to Topanga Cyn Blvd, north 4.5 miles to Entrada Rd). Info: 310-839-9235. 3hrs

Art Exhibit Opening

Sunday, April 13
11am-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Experience the intricate Dreamcatcher artwork of **Tony "Bear Horse,"** a Lakota-Sioux Apache Native. The artist will be available to answer questions. All ages welcome.

This exhibit will be available until the end of July.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 4/15 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak
 For this 10-mile, 2000' gain (roundtrip) trail on the Backbone Trail, meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Rd (at a turn-out 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd). Limited parking on shoulders. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

TUE 4/15 7pm

Malibu Bluffs Park
Full Moon Hike Join us for a hike to the sea under the full moon. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes. Trails may be steep in some areas. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 4/15 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series: 5 Fascinating Facts (You Didn't Know About the Santa Monica Mountains)
 Hear from Christy Brigham Ph.D, with the National Park Service, why the wrentit won't cross the road, how to recognize our local snakes, plus learn about fence lizards and Lyme disease. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 4/17 8am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
La Jolla Valley, Mugu Peak (1266') On a moderately-paced 8-9-mile hike, observe how this location recovers from the May 2013 wildfire. Those who don't climb the peak can meet others when they return. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen, windbreaker, and \$ for parking lot. Rain cancels. Info: 805-400-5366. 4.5hrs SC

SAT 4/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

National Junior Ranger Day

Saturday, April 19

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Stop by the visitor center to find out when a newly designed Junior Ranger booklet will be available and also how you can earn a Junior Ranger badge now!

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

Saturday, April 19
Sunday, April 20
Headwaters Corner
8am–5pm*

Expert dog trainer, Tracy Jenson-Presson, will teach your dog to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

Registration required:
www.mountaintrust.org
 818-591-1701 x2.

*30 minute program per dog

SAT 4/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Mulholland, Miller, and Motor Sports

Saturday, April 19
2pm to 3:30pm
Paramount Ranch

Learn about the racing history that surrounds Paramount Ranch, Harry Miller Ranch, the roadway that links them, and how it shapes your local National Park experience.

Meet at the bulletin board
Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 4/19 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash World On this easy 1-mile walk, discover how the Chumash used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/20 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 4/20 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Ah, Spring! Revel in the gift of wildflowers, and signs of wildlife along the way. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

21 hours of training for groups or individuals. FEE.

Reservations required:
310-456-8432

SUN 4/20 10am
Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/20 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/20 1pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Native Ways Join an easy stroll and walk in the footsteps of local natives. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 4/20 2pm
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 4/22 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Tue Hikers Enjoy a moderately-easy-paced 6-mile, 800' gain hike along a seasonal stream among the grasslands. Meet at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit north 1+ mile to end, street parking. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

33rd Annual Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

Friday, April 25 – Sunday, April 27
Point Mugu State Park

Over 30 years ago, members of the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council initiated a *Trail Days* tradition. Spend Saturday and/or Sunday working on trails or removing invasive plants. No experience or age limit needed. Just a spirit of fun and adventure. Meet car caravans on Saturday/Sunday 8:30am for day work or stay overnight on Friday and Saturday nights (camp for free at Danielson Ranch and enjoy the Saturday night barbecue and campfire). SC/SMMTC/CSP

Info and Camp Reservations:
www.smmtc.org or
310-559-3126



SAT 4/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Habitat Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/26 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD





National Park Week is April 19 – 27, 2014

Celebrate locally on **April 26**
at *your* neighborhood national park.

Join in the fun at
**Santa Monica Mountains
Science Fest**

Santa Monica Mountains Science Fest is for inquiring minds of all ages. Identify a wildflower. See live animals. Learn how to track mountain lions and bobcats. Become a Junior Ranger. Discover the mysteries of your neighborhood national park.

april 26, 2014 Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Paramount Ranch Agoura Hills CA
in **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**

Parking, admission, and activities are FREE!

Ask a scientist your most pressing questions. Explore the amazingly wild Santa Monica Mountains. Have fun with hands-on demonstrations and draw your own conclusions!

For more information : Contact the **National Park Service**
805-370-2301 or **www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm**



National Park Service + Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County +
Santa Monica Mountains Fund + Children's Nature Institute + Naturebridge

For the naturally curious

SUN 4/27 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 4/27 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed to restore habitat. Receive credit for community service. Bring water, snack, and wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 4/27 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 4/27 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/27 10am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Fire-following Wildflower Walk Seeds of native plants and wildflowers have lain dormant since 1993 when the last wildfire swept through the western Santa Monica Mountains. Join the leader for an up-close look at how native species recover from wildfires. Bring water, snack, and lunch. Meet at trailhead. Info: 818-782-9346. 2-3hrs CNPS

TUE 4/29 9:15am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Saddle Peak Join us for an 8-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike. Enjoy stunning vistas from Saddle Peak. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 562-618-1129. 4hrs SC

**Temescal Canyon Association
SPRING HIKES**

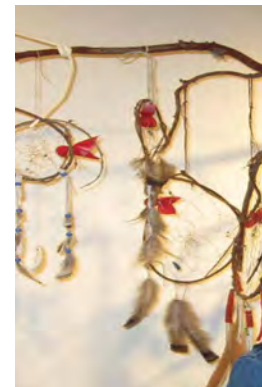
For latest updates:
www.temcanyon.org



Cultural Workshop

Sunday, April 27
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

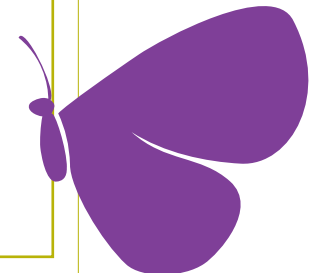


Make a dream catcher or a prayer stick with Wichita tribal artist **Michael Williams**.

Basic materials provided. Additional materials including beads, feathers, and leather may be purchased (cash only).

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



May



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Topanga State Park
Valley to the Sea Hike Join a moderately-paced 11-mile hike across Topanga State Park to Pacific Palisades. Meet on Mecca Ave south of Ventura Blvd for car shuttle to trailhead (from 101 Fwy, take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, south to Ventura Blvd, right and then left at next corner). Bring \$ for bus fare, hat, water, lunch, lugsoles, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-5581. 6hrs SC

SAT 5/3 8am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Hike-a-thon Lace up your shoes and enjoy a morning hike with friends, family, and co-workers as you connect with nature. 3hrs NB

SAT 5/3 8:30am

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Backbone Trek

Saturday, May 3 to Saturday, May 10

Hike the 65-mile-long Backbone Trail from Point Mugu State Park to Will Rogers State Historic Park. This is a moderate to strenuous hike (about 10 miles a day) with limited participants. Camp along the way for one week. Carry your lunch in a day-pack while volunteers shuttle your gear to the campsites and prepare your dinners. Fee event. Registration required.

Info: www.smmtc.org/bbtrek/ or contact Annie, 805-907-1926 or backbonetrek@yahoo.com
Organized by Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council



SAT 5/3 10am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Celebrating Migration Join rangers to explore the beach, tide-pools and look for gray whales, seals and dolphins. Bring binoculars. Meet at visitor center. \$12 parking fee. Info: 310-457-8185. 2hrs CSP/NPS

SAT 5/3 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Franklin's Movie Magic The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s and still is to this day. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/3 10am & 2pm

Paramount Ranch
Wild Foods Walk
See box to right

SAT 5/3 3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Enjoy a walk while we help you with this enjoyable art. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/4 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Join a walk while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 5/4 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Join us on a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

Western National Parks Assn

Wild Foods Walk

Saturday, May 3

2:00pm-4:00pm

(Note: 10am-12pm walk already completely full)



Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Christopher Nyerges, author and wild foods instructor with 40 years experience, will share common and traditional uses of plants. Book signing of Nyerges' *Guide to Wild Foods* will follow. Meet inside visitor center. Limited participation.
Reservations required and for information:
805-370-2302 or samo@wnpa.org

SUN 5/4 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Hunting for Nature's Treasures Ages 3-8 (children must be accompanied by an adult), what treasures will you find in the canyon? Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/4 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/4 3pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Capture A Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Enjoy an easy walk while we assist you with this enjoyable art. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 5/6 8am

Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead
Tue Hikers / Valley to the Sea (almost) Join a moderately easy-paced 7.5-mile, 800' gain, 2300' loss hike across Topanga State Park from Tarzana to Temescal Canyon at Sunset Blvd. Meet at top of Reseda Blvd at trailhead. Bring money for bus, 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 5hrs SC

TUE 5/6 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/ Bienveneda to Will Rogers Join a moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Canyon Peak and Will Rogers Historic State Park. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (0.6 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienveneda). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

FRI 5/9 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet inside visitor center. 1hr NPS

SAT 5/10 8am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/10 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/10 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/10 9am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Slow Down and Relax Enjoy a short walk and gentle Qi Gong standing exercises out in nature. Qi Gong is a healing system which includes slow flowing movements that can easily be adapted to one's physical ability. Wear loose fitting clothing. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 5/10 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Stay a Little Longer Join a docent for a strenuous hike exploring the Backbone Trail east of Corral Canyon to Tapia Spur. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. For reservations, contact Tom at tgkaplan54@gmail.com or 818-216-7696 or by 6pm, 5/8 and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native, crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Wear sturdy footwear. Register at 818-591-1701 x202 or www.mountaintrust.org. 2hrs. MRT

SAT 5/10 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Paint-Out Over 7000 acres of rolling tall grass plains, oak savannahs, and dramatic peaks. All new or experienced artists welcome. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 5/10 8:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Astronomy Day Join us on Astronomy Day to view the planet Saturn. Today, the ringed planet will be the closest to earth for all of 2014 and it will also be the brightest. Bring a flashlight. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 5/11 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed to restore habitat. Receive credit for community service. Bring water, snack, and wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 5/11 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/11 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era This site was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

May 11, 3pm – 5pm

Kicking off the day is the *Alan Boivin Band*, featuring Shane Rylott, Scott King, Tom Mitchel, Jim Myers and special guest Randy Chance.

Followed at 4pm by *The Art Rockers* – a group of artists and musicians from Cal State University Channel Islands.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 5/13 8am

Topanga State Park
Tue Hikers / Trippet Ranch to Eagle Rock via Musch Trail Join a moderately easy-paced 5-mile, 700' gain hike with grasslands, oak woodlands, chaparral, and coastal sage to Eagle Rock. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

WED 5/14 7pm

Malibu Bluffs Park
Full Moon Hike Join us for a hike to the sea under the full moon. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes. Trails may be steep in some areas. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. 2hrs CMPRD

THU 5/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Tapia to MASH Site Join a moderately-paced 8-mile, 800' gain hike. Meet at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for parking. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

THU 5/15 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Almost Full Moon Hike Explore nature by the light of a nearly full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

Saturday, May 17
Sunday, May 18
Santa Monica Mountains
 8am–5pm*

Expert dog trainer, Tracy Jenson-Presson, will teach your dog to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. Meet at Bark Park, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas. FEE. MRT

Registration required:
www.mountaintrust.org
 818-591-1701 x2.

*30 minute program per dog

SAT 5/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



Astrophotography

Saturday, May 17, 4pm-9:30pm

Join CLU Professor Dr. Mike Shaw to learn how to create photographs of the night sky using your digital SLR camera.

4pm to 5:30pm

National Park Service Headquarters,
401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks

Astrophotography Lecture: Topics to include the Milky Way, star trails, Moon phases, the science of sunsets, focusing in the dark, exposure stacking, correct exposures, and the role of ISO.

7:30pm to 9:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Field Section: DSLR camera and tripod required.

INFO: 805-370-2301 – NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 5/17 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
We're Working in the Park Join volunteers as we help our oak trees through another year. All ages welcome. Community Service. Bring snack/lunch, water, hat, and sunscreen. Registration required: 818-591-1701 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/17 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Temescal to Will Rogers Hike Join a moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike via Temescal Connector Trail to Will Rogers Historic State Park continuing to Inspiration Point and the Backbone Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-708-8535. 4hrs SC

SAT 5/17 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Inspiration Point Hike Join a ranger on an easy/moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

SAT 5/17 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/17 4pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Astrophotography
See box to left

SUN 5/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 5/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a habitat restoration site to care for native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 5/18 9am

Paramount Ranch
Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival
See box to right

SUN 5/18 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Beautiful Spring Join us on an easy hike downhill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland and riparian habitats with awesome views. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 5/18 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/18 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Live Reptile & Amphibian Show See box to right

SUN 5/18 1pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Native Ways Join a walk in the footsteps of local natives. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 5/20 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Zuma Canyon/ Zuma Ridge Trail to "Peak 1237" Enjoy an 8.5-mile roundtrip, 2100' gain lollipop loop hike. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. SC 4hrs

SAT 5/24 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival

Join us to celebrate our 54th year with Southern California's Favorite Bluegrass, Old-Time and Folk Music Event!

May 18, 2014
Sunday, 9am-6pm
Paramount Ranch

Featuring bluegrass, old-time, and folk music - with contestants, performers, folk dancing, jamming, folk arts booths, and park exhibits. FEE.

Info:
www.topangabanjofiddle.org

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. in cooperation with the National Park Service

Live Reptile & Amphibian Show

Sunday, May 18, 10:00am-3:00pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Get up close and personal with 100 live reptiles and amphibians. View photos by 12 year old herpetologist Nicholas Hess. Hear experts discuss the re-introduction of California red-legged frogs, the bizarre sex lives of southern California lizards, venomous snakes of California, and the toxic California newt.



Info: 805-370-2302 or samo@wnpa.org

Sponsored by Western National Parks Association & Southwestern Herpetologists Society



Culture in the Canyon^{at the Chautauqua Series}

May 20, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

The Hollywood Sign: From Billboard to Legend

From the humble creation in 1923 to its current status as the Statue of Liberty of the West, the **Hollywood Sign** is internationally famous. Join us for a discussion of the most iconic billboard in the world. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND Art Show & Sale

May 24 – May 26

Saturday – Monday, 9:30am–4pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Enjoy an extraordinary variety of Oaxacan wood carvings, Mata Ortiz pottery and Zapotec rugs. Meet premier Oaxacan wood carver **Jacobo Angeles** and master Mata Ortiz potter **Jorge Quintana**.

11am and 2pm daily:
Oaxacan woodcarving demonstrations

12pm, 1pm, and 3pm daily:
Mata Ortiz pottery demonstrations

Info: samo@wnpa.org
or 805-370-2302



SAT 5/24 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/24 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry at 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/24 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Herp Search Bring a camera or smart phone and look for reptiles and amphibians. Images will be uploaded to the iNaturalist website and be reviewed by Greg Pauly, Natural History Museum curator of Herpetology, who will use our findings to understand the distribution of the species. Meet in main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SAT 5/24 3pm
Temescal Gateway Park
A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/25 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 5/25 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Let's Go On Location Walk across a landscape that has served as a backdrop for dozens of movies and TV shows when filmmakers went "on location." Meet at the second parking lot. \$12 parking fee. 2.5hrs MCD

SUN 5/25 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 5/25 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 5/25 10am
Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

TUE 5/27 8am
Paramount Ranch
Tue Hikers / Paramount to Reagan Ranch Enjoy a moderately easy-paced 5-mile, 400' gain hike around the movie set, oak savannahs, Medea Creek, and chaparral canyons. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, May 25
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Here is a fun chance to learn about Chumash culture with songs and stories from Chumash Elder **Dennis Garcia**. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

THU 5/29 8am
Topanga State Park
Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop Join a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1200' gain hike. Meet in parking lot. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for parking. Rain cancels. Info: 805-400-5366. 4hrs SC

SAT 5/31 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/31 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/31 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Habitat Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/31 10am
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Youth Adventures Ages 2 to 7, join a ranger exploring nature while learning about animals and plants. 1hr NPS

SUN 6/1 8am
Topanga State Park
Bird Walk A leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 6/1 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Join us on a moderately-difficult and invigorating hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



SUN 6/1 10am
Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/1 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Kids' Hands in Nature Ages 3-8 (must be accompanied by an adult), join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art, inspired by all the nature you have seen. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 6/4 9am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Plein Air Painting Everyone is welcome to bring art materials and paint landscapes with professional artists (not a class). Info: Trish at 805-376-0034. Membership info David at 805-494-1700. 3hrs TOPAW

FISH WITH A RANGER

Point Mugu State Park
Sunday, June 1
9:30am - 11:30am

Bring your tackle and fish the surf!
 Ages 16 and over need a CA fishing license with an ocean enhancement stamp: www.dfg.ca.gov. Meet at Mugu Beach, 3 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along PCH. \$8 parking fee.

NPS/CSP Info: 805-370-2316



National Trails Day



Saturday, June 7
8:30am – 12:30pm
Topanga State Park-Trippet Ranch

Join a community of partners in a nation-wide event to restore trails. Bring gloves, sunscreen, water, and a snack. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
NPS/CSP/SMMTC/SC

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 6/7 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/7 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/7 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Raptor Heaven June marks the end of the breeding season for most raptors which means there may be many first-year hawks and falcons in the area. Join us as we take a one-mile walk in search of the birds of prey. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. 2hrs NPS

SAT 6/7 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/7 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 6/7 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 6/7 9:30am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Crayfish Trapping Give native fish and tadpoles a chance by removing the non-native, invasive crayfish from spawning pools in Malibu Creek. Wear sturdy footwear. Registration: 818-591-1701 x202 or www.mountaintrust.eventbrite.com. 2hrs MRT

SAT 6/7 10am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Herp Search Bring a camera or smart phone and look for RASCALS (Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern California). After the hike, images will be uploaded to the iNaturalist website and be reviewed by Greg Pauly, Natural History Museum curator of Herpetology, who will use our findings to understand the current distribution of the species. Meet in main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

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SAT 6/7 3pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture a Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Enjoy an easy walk while we help you with this enjoyable art. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

Questions on a program/event?
 Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service). Then use the **Directory on Page 37** to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, June 8
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Hupa artist, **Kat High**, will teach how to make round reed baskets. Materials provided. Please be on time. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch
June 8, 4pm – 6pm

Larry Bagby will kick off the afternoon, who's vast catalogue of music encompasses many genres ranging from country pop to early rock n' roll.

Following is **The Other Words**, a folk rock group from Los Angeles. Members include: vocals – Aaron Crankshaw and Jenna Ryin, banjo/guitar – Choco Freta, upright bass – Steve Friar, harmonica, saxophone and mandolin – Sam Light, and percussionist David Sussman.

INFO: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



SUN 6/8 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Stay a Little Longer Join a docent for a moderate, up and downhill hike from Stunt Rd. to Tapia. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. For reservations, contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm, 6/5 and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

SUN 6/8 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/8 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Gardening with Nature Join volunteer Kathie on a tour of the Visitor Center's native plant garden. Recognize what plants need and identify these factors in your landscape. Learn which native plants will thrive in your garden and why. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 6/8 3pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Enjoy an easy walk while we help you with this enjoyable art. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



TUE 6/10 9:10am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Moderate Hikers: Yellow Hill Trail Join us on an 8-mile, 2300' gain hike on Coastal Slope Trail. Meet at Yellow Hill Fire Road gate behind ranger's residence on west side of Mulholland Hwy. just north of PCH. Bring water, lunch, hat, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 562-618-1129. 5hrs SC

THU 6/12 8am

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Caballero Canyon, Topanga State Park Join a moderately-paced 8-10-mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4.5hrs SC

FRI 6/13 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
King Gillette Ranch History Tour Join us for a stroll through the grounds of the Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet inside visitor center. 1hr NPS

FRI 6/13 7pm

Malibu Bluffs Park
Full Moon Hike Join us for a hike to the sea under the full moon. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes. Trails may be steep in some areas. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. 2hrs CMPRD

FRI 6/13 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Friday the 13th Full Moon Hike On this day of superstitions, the moon is full and perfect for observing nighttime adaptations. Join us as we explore the canyon and hike by moonlight. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/14 8am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature in Focus A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteers Needed Help remove invasive Spanish broom and restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry at 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/14 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/14 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Paint-Out Views of the coastline, Santa Monica Pier, and beaches below. Meet at northwest end of Palisades Park at San Vicente Blvd and Ocean Ave. All new or experienced artists welcome. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
9:00 am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-317-8379 or
310-456-8432

SAT 6/14 2pm

Leo Carrillo State Park

Let's Move Outside Kids get physically active at the beach. Join a ranger on a physical fitness obstacle course. \$12 parking fee. 1hr CSP/NPS

SAT 6/14 3pm

King Gillette Ranch

A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 6/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed War Join us at a habitat restoration site to care for native plants. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 6/15 10am

Topanga State Park

Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/15 10am

King Gillette Ranch

Innovation in the Golden Era MGM Director, Clarence Brown, made movies on this filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 6/15 1pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Native Ways Join an easy stroll and walk in the footsteps of local natives. Learn how everyday items were created from their surrounding environment. Hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 6/17 8am

Caballero Canyon -

Upper Trailhead

Tues Hikers / Top of Reseda to Nike Site Join a moderately easy-paced 6-mile, 600' gain hike along old dirt Mulholland Nike site. Great views of San Fernando Valley and Encino Reservoir. Meet at top of Reseda Blvd at trailhead. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3.5hrs SC

TUE 6/17 9am

Point Mugu State Park

Moderate Hikers: Sycamore/Serrano Canyons Enjoy a 9-mile roundtrip, 1300' gain hike through Serrano Canyon to the saddle. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 5hrs SC

TUE 6/17 7pm

King Gillette Ranch

Evening Campfire Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting and a nature program. Follow signs to the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC



Movies by Moonlight

Sunday, June 15

8pm – 10pm

Paramount Ranch

Tall in the Saddle (1944)

Starring John Wayne

Toss on your ten gallon hat and join us for a rousing old fashion western. It's the classic tale of the stalwart hero (John Wayne) who stands up against corruption and injustice. With cantankerous sidekick Gabby Hayes and a little sagebrush romance you can't go wrong on this one.

For more info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

June 17, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Creativity with Concrete: Engineering, Ecosystem, and the Los Angeles River

After devastating floods in the early 20th century, a system of flood control channels was built for the Los Angeles River. Because of strong interest in restoring ecosystem function to the river, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with other partners developed a recommended restoration plan. Hear some of the creative concepts. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 6/18 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Plein Air Painting Bring your own art materials and paint landscapes with professional artists. Everyone welcome. This is not a class. Info: Trish at 805-376-0034. Membership info: David at 805-494-1700. 3hrs TOPAW

WED 6/18 7pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center Evening Campfire Spend the evening around the campfire with neighbors, friends, and family. Roast marshmallows, sing campfire songs, and enjoy a nature program. Meet at the amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 6/19 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Evening Campfire Summer campfires are back! Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. Meet at the Stone Amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/21 8am

Santa Monica Mountains

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshop See box to right

SAT 6/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE. Heavy rain cancels. MLMD

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

Saturday, June 21

Sunday, June 22

Santa Monica Mountains 8am–5pm*

Expert dog trainer, Tracy Jenson-Presson, will teach your dog to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. Meet at Bark Park, 4232 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas. FEE. MRT

Registration required: www.mountaintrust.org 818-591-1701 x2.

*30 minute program per dog

SAT 6/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/21 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Habitat Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/21 10am

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Inspiration Point Hike Join a ranger on an easy/moderate 1-mile roundtrip hike for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by fountain. 1hr NPS

SAT 6/21 3pm

Temescal Gateway Park
A Walk into the Chumash World Discover how Chumash Indians have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 6/21 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Summer Solstice Night Hike Welcome summer on a hike up a moderate trail as we look for seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. Meet in parking lot. 2.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

Evening Cultural Program Saturday, June 21

7:30pm- 9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Start the summer solstice with Chumash songs and stories with Ted Garcia, Hereditary Chief of the Southern Clan of the Chumash. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 6/22 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water, and weed to restore habitat. Receive credit for community service. Bring water, snack, and wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 6/22 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 6/22 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Summer Calls Easy downhill hike through craggy rock and flower-studded chaparral and stream habitats with awesome views. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 6/22 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Enjoy a special walk. Binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 6/22 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/22 10am & 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
Medicinal Plant Walk Learn the medicinal uses of California plants from Jim Adams, PhD, of the USC School of Pharmacy. Adams was trained in Chumash healing. Reservations required: samo@wnpa.org or 805-370-2302. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

TUE 6/24 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Tue Hikers / Grasslands Trail Join a moderately easy-paced 4-mile, 300' gain hike over Grasslands Trail to the Rock Pool and Century Lake. See the sites where many movies were shot. Meet at Malibu Canyon and Mulholland Hwy, south west corner parking area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

TUE 6/24 7pm

King Gillette Ranch
Evening Campfire Join us for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting and a nature program. Follow signs to the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 6/25 7pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Evening Campfire Spend the evening around the campfire with neighbors, friends, and family. Roast marshmallows, sing campfire songs, and enjoy a nature program. Meet at the amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 6/26 8am

Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Shepherds' Flat Join a moderately-paced 9-10-mile hike over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Meet at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-5581. 4.5hrs SC

THU 6/26 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Evening Campfire Summer campfires are back! Bring some good cheer and we will provide the rest including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. Meet at the Stone Amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

FRI 6/27 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Youth Adventures Ages 2 to 7, join a ranger exploring nature while learning about animals and plants. Meet in main parking lot. 1hr NPS

SAT 6/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Info: <http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/>. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/28 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 6/28 10am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Herp Search Bring a camera or smart phone and look for RAS-CALs (Reptiles and Amphibians of Southern California). After the hike, images will be uploaded to the iNaturalist website and be reviewed by Greg Pauly, Natural History Museum curator of Herpetology, who will use our findings to understand the current distribution of the species. Meet in main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 6/29 10am

Topanga State Park
Family Nature Walk Open to all and led by a naturalist-educator volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/29 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Meander on the Bluffs Discover native wildflowers and grasses (and the invasion of weeds). Enjoy views of mountains and sea. Dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach and look for dolphins, whales and sea birds. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

Temescal Canyon Association SPRING HIKES

For latest updates:
www.temcanyon.org



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

11 Headwaters Corner Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

12 King Gillette Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

13 Leo Carrillo State Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway. **Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

14 Malibu Bluffs Park Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

15 Malibu Creek State Park Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left. **Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park. **Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy). **Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd. **Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

17 Paramount Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

18 Peter Strauss Ranch Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

19 Point Dume State Preserve Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

20 Point Mugu State Park Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground. **Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd. **La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd. **El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left. **Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building. **Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

23 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

24 Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

25 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #22.

27 Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons **Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends. **Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road. **Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
 **Site map available at www.lamountains.com



Have questions on a program or event?
Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description
and then contact the agency or organization below.

Directory of Park Partners

AASMM	310-457-9130	Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains (www.allied-artists.com)
CCD	818-591-1701	Cold Creek Docents (www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html)
CMPRD	310-317-1364	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept (www.malibucity.org)
CNI	213-746-2966	The Children's Nature Institute (www.childrensnatureinstitute.org)
CNPS	818-348-5910	California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org)
CORBA	818-206-8213	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn (www.corbamt.com)
CRPD	805-495-2163	Conejo Recreation & Park District (www.crp.org)
CSP	818-880-0363	California State Parks (www.parks.ca.gov)
CWC	310-394-2799	Coastwalk California (www.coastwalk.org)
FORC	323-666-5004	Friends of Runyon Canyon
LAAS	323-876-0202	Los Angeles Audubon Society (www.losangelesaudubon.org)
LADPR	213-738-2961	County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation (parks.lacounty.gov)
MCD	818-889-6238	Malibu Creek Docents (www.malibucreekstatepark.org)
MLMD	310-456-8432	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents (www.adamsonhouse.org)
MRCA	310-858-7272 x131	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (www.lamountains.com)
MRT	818-591-1701	Mountains Restoration Trust (www.mountaintrust.org)
NB	310-765-4871	NatureBridge (www.naturebridge.org)
NOWW	310-455-0550	The Nature of Wildworks (www.natureofwildworks.org)
NPS	805-370-2301	National Park Service (www.nps.gov/samo)
RCDSMM	818-597-8627	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns (www.rcdsmm.org)
SC	213-387-4287	Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org)
SFVAS	818-618-1652	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (www.sfvaudubon.org)
SFVGP	818-702-8020	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch (www.calgourd.com)
SMBAS	310-395-6235	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society (smbasblog.wordpress.com)
SMMC	310-589-3200	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (www.smmc.ca.gov)
SMMF	805-370-2341	Santa Monica Mountains Fund (www.samofund.org)
SMMNHA	805-488-1827	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn
SMMTC	818-222-4531	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council (www.smmtc.org)
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TCA	310-459-5931	Temescal Canyon Association (www.temcanyon.org)
TCD	310-455-1696	Topanga Canyon Docents (www.topangadocents.org)
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